

BIG ATTACK INDICATED

Germans, Massing for Drive, Discovered by British Fliers

HEAVY ARTILLERY POUNDS SECTION

Of General Byng's Lines, While Hindenburg's Lories Hurry Up Men

With the British Armies in the Field, Dec. 13.—Long lines of transports filled with German reinforcements were seen behind German lines on the northern flank of the Cambria sector yesterday. Great flocks of German planes endeavored unsuccessfully to prevent British aviators from searching out this information.

Early yesterday morning the Germans developed a very heavy gunfire on the northern line of Byng's wedge. At the same time their concentration of air forces was the greatest they have yet disclosed.

British aviators reported seeing great lines of motor lorries bringing up fresh German troops.

It is believed that the German blow which has been indicated for several days will be struck in this region. The indications are identical with those preceding previous German drives.

London, Dec. 13.—Reprise of a "local attack" north of La Vacquerie Tuesday afternoon was reported by Field Marshal Haig yesterday.

He also told of successful raids in which the British captured prisoners and a machine gun in the neighborhood of Pontreuet and northwest of St. Quentin. A perceptible lessening of Teutonic pressure on the Italian front was reported yesterday. It served to confirm belief here in London that considerable forces of Austro-Hungarian troops had been switched from that theatre to the west. Great numbers of Emperor Charles' troops are reported already there, having been transferred from the Russian lines.

The artillery duel along both French and British fronts is attaining a maximum of violence.

Berlin's official statements frankly admit a strong plan of reinforcement of all west front positions.

CANADIAN ARMY DEPLETED.

Losses for Last Half of November, Including Casualties, 17,572.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—Canada's overseas fighting force was reduced by 17,572 men during the last two weeks of November, the military department announced yesterday.

There were 16,278 casualties, 674 men discharged in Canada, 2,440 returned to Canada for discharge and 138 discharged in England. Enlistments totalled 1,958.

LAW ASKS FOR \$2,651,000,000.

British Chancellor Moves War Credit in House of Commons.

London, Dec. 13.—Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, moved a war credit of £250,000,000, approximately \$2,651,000,000, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

BRITISH PLANES BOMB DOCKS.

Aviators Drop Missiles on Aerodrome at Ostacker.

London, Dec. 13.—British seaplanes bombed the Ostacker aerodrome and the Bruges docks, an official statement announced yesterday.

FEW CHRISTMAS FURLONGHS.

Only Men Living Within Trolley Distance of Home Will Have Them.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Men of the national army will not be given Christmas furloughs unless they live within trolley distance of their cantonments, the war department has decided.

Secretary Baker, in an announcement yesterday, assigned the harmful effect a general leave would have on camp discipline and the heavy burden it would throw on the railroads as reasons for the department's action.

KIDNEY TROUBLE NOT EASILY RECOGNIZED

Applicants for Insurance Often Rejected

An examining physician for one of the prominent life insurance companies, in an interview of the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease.

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MONTPELIER

City to Close Several Offices in City Hall.

The city council at its regular meeting Wednesday evening authorized the property committee to close all offices in the city hall that can be closed, to help in the conservation of fuel. This will probably include the water superintendent, overseer of poor, city court and school commissioners, on that side of the building, and council chamber on the other side. Those occupying these rooms will be instructed to use other rooms that must be kept open. The city clerk was instructed not to rent the large auditorium of the building without consultation with the property committee, the intent, it is understood to be after the dates now fixed have been filled to keep the auditorium as nearly closed as possible during the winter months. The bill presented by Mrs. O. C. Roberts, claiming damages for hens killed and land damages when Prospect street slid last summer, was allowed. It amounted to \$50. Mrs. Cora Chaffee, who has been the recipient of \$6 a week from the war relief fund will be notified to look to the state for that money after next week. A community Christmas tree will be arranged for, as in the last few years. A skating rink will be provided by the city for the children, while the matter of erecting a service flag on city hall for all soldiers who have gone from Montpelier to the war was left with the property committee.

Col. H. T. Johnson on Wednesday received a message from the war department stating that postal employees have been exempted from the draft in the last 15 per cent of the state's quota until after Jan. 1. This will give the postal authorities a chance to have the best possible help during the Christmas holidays when there is always very heavy traffic in mail and when the best help that can be obtained is needed. The adjutant general has also received notice that travel fees for the local boards of exemption are not allowed.

Justice G. M. Powers of Morrisville, who was interviewed in the city Wednesday afternoon at the request of the fuel department relative to the results which are being obtained in the municipal wood yard in his home town and which Justice Powers was very instrumental in securing for the town said it has worked with great benefit to the townspeople; that over 2500 cords of wood have been distributed in the year and that every person who has made known their want of fuel of that kind has been supplied. He suggested that any town or city planning to have a yard should operate it through its water department and that such will take place next year in Morrisville, although this season the work is being done by a special committee. He said that one of the most important things is to avoid graft. The best thing about the wood yard at his home is that the residents under the present trying conditions have been able to have a plenty of wood. He advocated that other towns sell their wood at cost, as is done in Morrisville, and that if any town is planning to get into the wood business it want to contract with mills cutting dry hard wood, for it is one of the biggest assets of the business. At the present time Morrisville is cutting its supply of wood for next winter and when the winter is completed will have it on hand drying. The town was able to secure shooks at a minimum cost by purchasing some on the market at Bolton a year ago. Morrisville would be in had shape this winter if it had not been for the wood yard and Judge Powers predicts that soon it will be found that the town has branched into the coal business which will help materially in the accommodation of the townspeople. "The wood yard has come to stay," said Mr. Powers. It will be recalled that the charter of the village was amended at the last session of the legislature so that the wood yard could be established. The suggestion came from a similar condition in Maine. Mason S. Stone, executive secretary to the fuel administrator, urges that more of the towns in the state enter into the wood and coal yard business for conservation of fuel to their own advantage in trying times like these.

ALLIES GET GOODS ORDERED BY RUSSIA

Supplies Purchased in United States to Be Seized to Pay Russian Debts.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Supplies purchased by the Russian government and now awaiting shipment will be sold either to entente powers or private concerns and the proceeds used to liquidate the Kerensky government's liabilities in this country, Vladimir Nevitsky, financial agent, announced yesterday.

All war supplies that can be utilized by the allies probably will be taken over and unfilled contracts will be cancelled or transferred to other entente powers. A meeting between Russia's creditors and members of the financial mission, for the purpose of closing accounts, will be held in a few days.

AUSTRO-GERMANS RESUME THEIR DRIVE AGAINST ITALIANS

Latins Hold Out All Day and Re-Occupy Few Positions Abandoned at the Outset.

Rome, Dec. 13.—The enemy has resumed the attack. Yesterday's official statement says the Italians resisted stubbornly Tuesday throughout the day and that a few positions which were abandoned in the beginning of the fighting were re-occupied in nearly all cases. In the evening the enemy effort was reduced to the normal artillery fire.

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ORDNANCE WORK LAGGARD

No Preparations Before War Was Declared on Germany

PERSHING'S MEN USE FRENCH CANNON

Chief of Ordnance Tells of Conditions in His Branch of the Army

Washington, Dec. 13.—American lag-gardness in preparation for the European war was the subject of some startling disclosures yesterday, when the Senate committee on military affairs was given an opportunity to question Major General William Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordnance, and after the general had told a long and not especially interesting story of the growth of his bureau since the opening of the war. It was not until after Senator John W. Weeks, who had been detained by a local suffrage hearing, entered the room and began prying at the lid that it showed symptoms of coming off. In response to questions by Senators Weeks and Wadsworth of New York, General Crozier testified to the sensational facts that:

Practically no preparations for war were made under his direction before the actual declaration of war last April.

The ordnance bureau had done nothing more than make a card index of manufacturing firms which might furnish supplies.

No guns, cartridges, uniforms or any other war material had been even tentatively contracted for when the president advised Congress April 2.

The United States is dependent upon the French government for the field artillery which is being used by our troops in France and will continue to be for several months.

It will be next summer before field guns for the home forces will be ready for use.

Labor conditions are causing great delays in munition plants, but no definite steps to improve them have been taken beyond the appointment of a committee to look into this subject. General Crozier declares that something must be done to compel workmen to stay in munition plants. Conditions in the United States arsenals are not as bad as among outside manufacturers.

"Both England and France have reached a point where their artillery output is in excess of the wastage," said General Crozier. "We have had offers from them to manufacture for us certain kinds of artillery, which we are taking advantage of to a very large extent. It is a very fortunate thing, and helps to make up for the long years of neglect in this branch of the service. With this assistance we shall be able to supply our forces with artillery promptly. We are getting from France the 75 millimetre guns and the 155 millimetre howitzers sufficient for all the troops we have sent over and those that will go for several months to come. We are short of artillery here at home but we are not short on the other side. It is a godsend to have had this assistance. All the artillery our troops are using abroad is of foreign make. We shall not be caught up with the demand at home until next summer."

The committee were a little doubtful as to whether facts of this character should be made public, but upon General Crozier remarking that they were no secret, the correspondents were allowed to go. Details will be given the committee by General Crozier in executive session.

Another point brought out by General Crozier was that of the \$100,000,000 vot-

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ed the president for war purposes, only \$35,000,000 had been allotted to the bureau of ordnance, and that not until September, although we entered the war in April. General Crozier declared that for the making of munitions, and he suggested to the committee that skilled workmen should be employed at their trades by the army rather than put into the fighting line. Many of them would be so used back of the lines in France, he said. He did not favor the exemption of these men.

No Appeal in Vermont.

Vermont chapter, American Red Cross, announces that while no appeal will be made for funds for Halifax relief, it has been authorized to receive through its branches voluntary subscriptions for this purpose, and all money collected should be sent direct to F. L. Higginson, jr., care of the American Red Cross, 755 Boylston street, Boston, Mass. The public is asked not to ship other supplies to Halifax, except such as may be specifically requested. Old clothes should, under no circumstances, be sent.

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